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Title: POWER TRANSMISSION APPARATUS OF MOTOR
              VEHICLES

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
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Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment mailed on or about September 15, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment states that the issue fee has not been received. Applicants submit herewith as proof of timely filing a stamped postcard receipt dated May 20, 2003, showing payment of the issue fee.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and early issuance of the application are earnestly solicited.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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Respectfully submitted,

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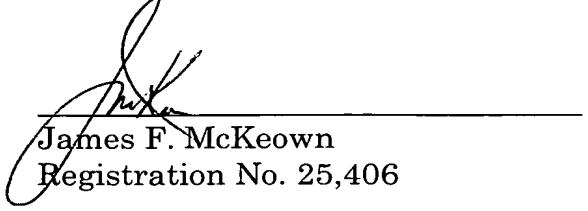
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